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Letter dated 18 September 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Central African Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of the letter by which François Bozize, President of the Central African Republic, agrees to the deployment of an international presence in the north-eastern Central African Republic.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Fernand **Poukré-Kono**
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The Government of the Central African Republic welcomes the new concept of operations, described in the 10 August 2007 report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with a view to the deployment of an international presence in north-eastern Central African Republic in order to contribute to the protection of civilian populations at risk, to facilitate the provision of humanitarian assistance and to create favourable conditions for reconstruction and development in this region.

The Government of the Central African Republic hopes that it will be possible to deploy the international elements envisaged in the Secretary-General's initiative as soon as possible, and declares that it is prepared to facilitate this deployment.

After six months, the Government, together with the United Nations and the European Union, will conduct a preliminary assessment of this presence in order to prepare for the transfer of the tasks discharged by the European Union operation to other contingents, within the framework of the United Nations and with the consent of the Central African Republic, after a further six months, should such assessment establish the need to do so.

The Government of the Central African Republic calls on the international community, United Nations agencies and donors to provide increased support for its effort to achieve economic rehabilitation and development in north-eastern Central African Republic.

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(Signed) François **Bozizé**